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an amendment in the above-identified application (17 Pages).

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001, please
amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the following paragraphs in the specification with the
indicated text:

Clean Set of Paragraphs for the Specification

Page 3, paragraph starting at line 26:

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In accordance with an aspect of the principles of the present invention, a switch matrix comprises a plurality of row conductors, a plurality of column conductors; and a plurality of switching elements adapted to connect at least one of the plurality of row conductors to at least one of the plurality of column conductors, the total number of switching elements of the plurality of switching elements exceeds a product of a total number of row conductors of the plurality of row conductors and a total number of column conductors of the plurality of column conductors.